



Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024. **Time:** 7:30 PM. **Version:** June 19, 2024.

Attendance: Johanna Meyer, Yujia Wang, David White, Stephan Miller, Jenifer Tidwell, George Stephans. **Regrets:** Ann LeRoyer.

1. Check-ins and Observations from around the Res.

- a. Milkweeds and Penstemon are blooming
- b. The beach opened Monday June 17, 2024, and has been fairly crowded.
- c. Mechanical water chestnut harvesting also started on Monday and has been working mainly on the Lexington side where the growth is the thickest.
- d. Two Canada Geese families were observed with five goslings.
- e. No swans were spotted.
- f. One duck family with 10 ducklings
- g. Trumpet coral Flowers are blooming on the fence but also curving (?).
- h. The Coral honeysuckles are blooming, but with some unusual characteristics, possibly due to a fungus.
- i. The Willow tree in the sun garden has fallen over, likely due to the recent intense rainstorm.

2. Review previous meeting notes.

- a. Previous notes are available on the new Google Drive on the Reservoir account.
- b. Notes need to be sent out again for review by all members.

3. Garden planning for the Spring

- a. Garden work day this Saturday from 9 AM-12 PM
- b. The wood chip pile needs to be spread possibly edging the garden
- c. Need to pull invasives
- d. New plants need to be put into the gardens and watered
- e. Steeple bushes and cardinal flowers need planting.

- f. Steeple bushes should be moved to sunnier areas or can be planted along the shoreline, possibly along the back fence of the sun garden.
- g. Planting in areas that receive enough sunlight, even outside of the garden.

4. Invasive management

- a. Water chestnuts Pull & Rake July 11th 4-6 , July 25th 3-5
- b. Bittersweet is spreading rapidly
- c. Remove invasive plants and add mulching around Snakeroots plants.
- d. Asters can be replanted as they do well in various conditions.
- e. Try planting different plants to see what survives and thrives.

5. Meeting and workday event dates for 2024

- a. Workday plans - Saturday June 22, 9-12
 - i. Spread wood chips over the paths and around the garden edges
 - ii. Move some of the asters & Hyssops
 - iii. Plant the steeplebush and cardinal flowers
- b. Community water chestnut pulls are scheduled for July 11th 4-6 , July 25th 3-5
Encourage participation from friends, family, and community members for the water chestnut events.
- c. Events are listed on Facebook and will be added to the website.
- d. Links for event sign-up will be circulated and added to the meeting notes.

6. Other-

- a. Print more reservoir brochures using the old map for now.
- b. Jenifer Lopes talk on Pollination at noon Saturday June 22**
- c. Improve community outreach
- d. Plan more public events including tree identification for the Fall.
- e. Sign in Trader Joe's area is currently on hold
 - i. The person in charge of this is currently on vacation until July

Next meeting: Tuesday July 16 at 7:30.

Arlington Reservoir Events

| Month | Date | Time | Event | Notes |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| June | <i>18 Tues</i> | <i>7:30-9:00</i> | <i>Committee meeting</i> | |
| | 22 Sat | 9-12 | Gardening Day | 12-1 Pollination with Jenifer Lopes |
| July | <i>16 Tues</i> | <i>7:30-9:00</i> | <i>Committee meeting</i> | |
| | 20 Sat | 9-12 | Gardening Day | |
| | 11 Thurs | 4-6 | Public Water chestnut pull & rake | |
| | 25 Thurs | 3-5 | Public Water chestnut pull & rake | Res Concert and Beer Garden |
| August | <i>20 Tues</i> | <i>7:30-9:00</i> | <i>Committee meeting</i> | |
| | 24 Sat | 9-12 | Gardening Day | |
| September | <i>10 Tues</i> | <i>7:30-9:00</i> | <i>Committee meeting</i> | |
| | 14 Sat | 9-12 | Gardening Day | |
| | 21 Sat | 8-4 | Town Day | |
| October | <i>15 Tues</i> | <i>7:30-9:00</i> | <i>Committee meeting</i> | |
| | 19 Sat | 9-12 | Gardening Day | |